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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 11 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/ 54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29, A/C.5/54/33 and A/54/7/Add.5))

Announcement

An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in Africa". An informal note by the President of the Security Council concerning the aims of and procedures for the meeting was circulated to Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions by facsimile on 8 December 1999.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Saturday, 11 December 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Sunday, 12 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/C.5/54/28, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

Monday, 13 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1999/1219)

Angola

Briefing by the Secretariat

Iraq (S/1999/1232)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 751 (1992)
CONCERNING SOMALIA

3.30 p.m.	15th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.19 *(item 104)* and A/C.2/54/L.36 *(item 97 (c))*

3. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 *(item 97 (a))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 46th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Election of a Vice-Chairman

2. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142] (A/54/120, A/54/395, A/54/518 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/30 and A/54/645)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143] (A/54/496 and Corr.1, A/54/521, A/C.5/54/30, A/54/30 and A/54/646 and Add.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

4. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   (a) Development account (A/C.5/54/37 and A/54/7/Add.8)

   (b) International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/54/6/Rev.1/Add.1 and A/54/7/Add.6)

   (c) Natural disaster mitigation (A/53/641 and A/54/7)

   (d) Subvention request by UNIDIR (A/C.5/54/26)

   (e) Analysis of the organizational structure and personnel and technical resources of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the United Nations (A/54/520 and A/54/657)

   Introduction and general discussion

5. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

   Implementation by UNCTAD of activities financed from the unspent balance and analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness (A/54/501 and A/54/7/Add.3)

   Introduction and general discussion

6. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(b) Relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232

Introduction of draft decision A/C.5/54/L.16

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I, II and III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/53/833, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/16, A/54/643, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/27, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/21, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/25, A/53/794, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/51/57, A/52/7/Add.2, A/54/431, A/C.5/54/29, A/C.5/54/33 and A/54/7/Add.5))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120 (Programme planning (A/54/16, A/54/89, A/54/117, A/54/125 and A/C.5/54/12)) and 164 (Human resources management)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Third session

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4
Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 2 of the Statute)

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

3 p.m.- 7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the rules of procedure and evidence (Part 4 of the Statute)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on elements of crimes

WORKING GROUP ON THE CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*- 1 p.m.		Conference Room 4

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 11th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its sutstantive session of 1999

2. Revised estimates under section 3 (Political affairs) and section 5 (Peacekeeping operations and special missions)

3. Procurement reform: definition of exigency needs

4. Draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations* on draft resolutions of the programme of work for the Committee on Development Policy (E/1999/33) and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Administrative Committee on Coordination (E/1999/123 and Add.1)

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* To prepare for these consultations, interested delegations are invited to meet at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites the co-sponsors of the draft resolution of the European Union on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to a meeting to be held on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D.

The Permanent Mission of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution of the European Union on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/54/L.23 (Code of Democratic Conduct), under item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies) on Monday, 13 December 1999, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The Permanent Mission of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico) invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development", to be held on Monday, 13 December, and Tuesday, 14 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9, and on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Monday, 13 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Monday, 13 December 1999

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ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m.-9.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.25 (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development))

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on other pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 December 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 14 December 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 49 (b)
(The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations)

10 a.m.	1st (closed) meeting	Conference Room 1

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 15 December 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal briefing on the preparations for the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be given by H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Co-chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 17 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century")* on Tuesday, 14 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Tuesday, 14 December 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 20 December 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

In connection with the Millennium Assembly and Millennium Summit of the United Nations, a meeting of the Millennium Forum Planning Consultative Council will be held on 14 and 15 December 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting is open to members of the Planning Consultative Council, as well as to members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, H. E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), and the Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), will conduct a consultative briefing with delegations in relation to the preparation of the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development (8-17 February 2000) and on preparations for the special session. The briefing will be held at on Thursday, 16 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 10 December 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4078th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

First report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)(S/1999/1223)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Argentina, Gabon, Canada, the Russian Federation, France, the Gambia, Bahrain, Malaysia, Slovenia, Namibia, the United States, Brazil and China, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Miyet responded to the comments and questions by the members of the Council.

The representative of Bahrain made a further statement.

Mr. Miyet responded.

4079th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1230, which had been submitted by the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1230) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1230) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1281 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

77th plenary meeting

Dialogue among civilizations [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 34.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.60.

Statements were made by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Senegal, the United Arab Emirates, Kyrgyzstan, Iraq, Malaysia, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Cyprus, Qatar, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Solomon Islands, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

78th plenary meeting

Dialogue among civilizations [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/546)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.60)

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Burkina Faso, Singapore, Haiti, Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 77th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he further orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.60.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.60 (resolution 54/113).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 34.

Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (f) and 50]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/297, A/54/378, A/54/536)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/626)

(c) Draft resolution (A/54/L.58)

The representative of Germany made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Rumania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the United States, Japan, Turkey, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Pakistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

The Assembly was informed that, in order to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.58, action on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the parties concerned, consideration of agenda item 42 (The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December 1999, was postponed to a future date.

The Assembly was also informed that agenda item 45 (Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers), also originally scheduled for Monday, 13 December, would be considered on Wednesday, 15 December.

The Assembly was further informed that the following programme of work had been distributed in the General Assembly Hall:

Wednesday, 15 December 1999, in the morning:

1. Global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers [item 45]

2. International recognition of the Day of the Vesak [item 174]

3. Under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), action on draft resolutions ready for adoption

4. Under agenda item 30 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe), action on the draft resolution to be issued on 13 December as document A/54/L.64 and the amendment thereto to be issued on 13 December as document A/54/L.65

5. Under agenda item 47 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development), action on draft resolution A/54/L.24/Rev.1

6. Action on draft resolution "Q" contained in paragraph 64 of the report of the First Committee on agenda item 76 (General and complete disarmament) (A/54/563)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 45th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons responsible Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [143]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/54/395, A/54/518 and Corr.1, a note by the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/54/30 (under agenda item 142), documents A/54/496 and Corr.1 and A/54/521 and to a note by the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/54/30 (under agenda item 143).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/54/645 and A/54/646 and Add.1).

The report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit and investigation of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (A/54/120) had been introduced at the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee, held on 25 October 1999.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta) and China.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Death and disability benefits

The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States spoke on a point of clarification.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division responded to the question raised.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/54/13.

Placement of new Member States for peacekeeping assessments

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement regarding the need to fix the rates of assessment for the three new Member States: Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Nauru and Kingdom of Tonga.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed, to hold informal consultations on this question the same day, following the adjournment of its 45th meeting.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement regarding the relocation of Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232.

The representative of Belarus also made a statement regarding the assessments for that country.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Pakistan and Morocco.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.15 submitted on behalf of the Chairman, following informal consultations.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Philippines, Guyana, Uganda, Morocco, Pakistan, Cuba, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, China, Australia, Ukraine and Costa Rica.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Turkey (9 December 1999)*

Amendment to article 20, paragraph 1 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Geneva, 22 May 1995

Acceptance: Turkey (9 December 1999)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Austria (10 December 1999)
Signature: Belgium (10 December 1999)
Signature: Bolivia (10 December 1999)
Signature: Chile (10 December 1999)
Signature: Colombia (10 December 1999)
Signature: Costa Rica (10 December 1999)
Signature: Czech Republic (10 December 1999)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Signature: Denmark (10 December 1999)
Signature: Ecuador (10 December 1999)
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Signature: Sweden (10 December 1999)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change of address

As of Monday, 13 December 1999, the New York headquarters of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) will be located at the following address: The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10174 (tel.: (212) 457-4000; fax: (212) 457-4001).

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Background briefings

In addition to the daily noon press briefing given by the Spokesman for the Secretary-General, all background briefings given to the press may now be viewed by delegations in Viewing Room 4, which is located in the corridor connecting the Viennese Cafe with the public concourse.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroun
H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou

Asian States:
Bangladesh
H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Vladimir Galuška

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth

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